GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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GUIDELINES FOR PREVENTING DEMOLITION DRIVES
KAMAL NATH;NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have recently formulated new guidelines to prevent the last minute stoppage of demolition drives as reported in The Hindustan Times dated March 24, 2003;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein and reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the nexus between builders, police and MCD officials have prevented demolishing of unauthorsed constructions in the capital; and

(d) if so, the extent to which the new guidelines are likely to break this nexus?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)

(a)to(d): DDA and Delhi Police have reported that Hon`ble Delhi High Court in CWP No.1833/94 - The New Friends Cooperative House Building Society Vs. Commissioner of Police Delhi has directed the Commissioner of Police Delhi and other Heads of Department of land owning agencies viz. MCD, DDA, NDMC to hold a joint meeting in order to formulate a scheme for implementation of action plan for demolition of unauthorised construction/removal of encroachment in Delhi. Accordingly, Commissioner of Police held a meeting with Vice Chairman, DDA; Commissioner, MCD and Chairperson, NDMC on 5.3.2003 to work out modalities for smooth implementation of demolition programmes.

Suitable action is taken by the concerned authorities against the officials whenever complaints are received against them.